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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

SUMMARY. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT WILL CARRY NO NEW IDEAS TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION RE SOLUTIONS TO THIRD WORLD PROBLEMS. HE SUSPECTS SEVERAL YEARS WILL PASS BEFORE OIL RICH ARABS WILL PROVIDE STEADY, SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE TO POORER STATES.

1. JUDGING BY HIS COMMENTS TO ME IN COURSE DISCUSSION OTHER SUBJECTS APRIL 10, CONSIDER OULD DADDAH UNLIKELY TO INTRODUCE ANY SURPRISES IN HIS APRIL 15 ADDRESS TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. PRESIDENT SAID HE WISHED SIMPLY ADD HIS VOICE TO THOSE OF OTHER THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES SEEKING BETTER PRICES FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS AND LOWER COSTS FOR THEIR IMPORTS FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

2. ASKED HIS REACTION TO VARIOUS FORMULAE PUBLICIZED BY SHAH, ARAB FONMINS AND OPEC TO EASE BURDEN OF ENERGY COSTS AND AID DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THIRD WORLD, OULD DADDAH SAID HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY THESE IDEAS IN DETAIL.

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HE HOPED LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL SUCH PROPOSALS DURING HIS BRIEF

STAY IN NEW YORK AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC WITH ME ON HIS RETURN. PRESIDENT NOTED GLUMLY THAT INCREASED TRANSPORT CHARGES, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO EXTRA FUEL COSTS, HAD ALREADY DOUBLED PRICES OF GOODS DELIVERED TO MAURITANIA'S EASTERN REGIONS.

3. IN ANSWER QUESTION WHETHER HIS OWN RECENT TRAVELS TO ALGERIA AND LIBYA AND HIS UPCOMING TOUR OF PERSIAN GULF IN LATE APRIL (SEPTEL) ENCOURAGED HIM RE PROSPECTS ARAB OIL STATE ASSISTANCE, HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED HE PERSONALLY EXPECTS NO SYSTEMMATIC, SUSTAINED ARAB WORLD ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA AND REST OF THIRD WORLD FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME.

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